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TO BLACK AFRICA

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1. AT A NATIONAL PARTY MEETING IN SWELLENDAM JULY 27, MINDEFENSE P.W. BOTHA VEHEMENTLY ATTACKED PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADERS COLIN EGLIN AND F. VAN ZYL SLABBERT FOR MEETING WITH AFRICANS "WHO ALLOW GANGS OF MURDERERS TO GO FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON THE RHODESIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN BORDERS."

2. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS THAT APPEARED IN AFRIKAANS NEWS-PAPERS, BOTHA SAID THAT AT THE SAME TIME SA SECURITY FORCES "STAND ON THE BORDERS," EGLIN AND SLABBERT HAD TRAVELED TO ZAMBIA, "WHERE THEY THREW THEMSELVES AT PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEET." HE SAID THEY HAD MADE NO OBJECTION TO KAUNDA'S

ACTIONS IN "MAKING HIS COUNTRY AVAILABLE TO TERRORISTS."
BOTH A SAID: "I WANT TO PUT IT CLEARLY THAT THESE TERRORISTS
ARE NOT FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE HAVE PROOF THAT THEIR LEADERS
ARE BEING TRAINED IN ALGERIA, RUSSIA, CUBA, CHINA AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THAT THEY RECEIVE ARMS FROM COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES." BOTH A EXCORIATED EGLIN AND "LIKE-MINDED
PEOPLE" FOR TALKING WITH SUCH PEOPLE AND HE WARNED THEM TO
BE CAREFUL. "SOUTH AFRICA," HE SAID, "WILL DEAL WITH YOU,
BECAUSE IT DOES NOT LIKE THIS KIND OF ACTION."

3. COMMENT: BOTH A IS NOTORIOUS FOR HIS OCCASIONAL WILD,
HIP-SHOOTING REMARKS. EXTREME THOUGH HIS COMMENTS ABOUT
EGLIN AND SLABBERT MAY BE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THEY PROBABLY
REFLECT THE SENTIMENTS OF HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE CABINET,
INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER. FOR ONE THING, THE NATIONALISTS
ARE CONTEMPTUOUS OF THE PROGRESSIVES. FOR ANOTHER, IT IS
LIKELY THAT THEY DEEPLY RESENT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE
INTERFERENCE OF "LEFTIST-LIBERAL" PROGS IN MATTERS AFFECT-
ING SOUGH AFRICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS.
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